

# Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

October 27, 2014

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## Important Dates

October 28 6:30 p.m.	Internet Presentation
October 31	Bowling Field Trip
October 31	Spirit Wear Orders due
December 4	Specials Showcase
December 9-10	Outdoor Education

## News

### ***Mind Your Kid's Business* Internet Presentation**

**Tuesday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.**

Parents are invited to attend this program, which was developed to help increase parents' and other adults' knowledge of Internet safety information and guidelines. The one-hour session includes information on protecting children while using the Internet; how young people are using the Internet; social networking sites; electronic bullying; and how to report and block illegal or questionable Internet activity. [Access a flyer for the event >>](#)

### **Number Hawks Volunteer Opportunity**

Holmes is looking for volunteers to tutor students, primarily in Grades K-2, to become proficient mathematicians. Through strategically planned lessons and continuous data collection, you will help Holmes students increase their basic number sense. Can you commit to as little as 20 minutes one day per week or as much as 30 minutes every day? Please fill out the Google form (link below) so that you can be contacted about a tutoring training session and mandatory background check required by the district. "Number Hawks" are set to take flight this November.

[https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/forms/d/1clY-Wvw9mWrvGmEB6reqPTRdvWyR48H5eQ8J7Jhh\\_sg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/forms/d/1clY-Wvw9mWrvGmEB6reqPTRdvWyR48H5eQ8J7Jhh_sg/viewform)

### **Spirit Wear**

Student Council is selling Spirit Wear. Orders must be turned in by October 31.

### **Bowling Field Trip**

On October 31, students will travel to Stardust Bowl for our first Guilder activity. Curriculum connections include math and science. Students must have earned at least 300 Guilders to be able to participate in this activity. The cost of this field trip is \$12, payable in cash, please. Permission slips and payment are due by Tuesday, October 28. The permission slip is also posted on the 5th Grade wiki.

## Outdoor Education Field Trip

This year's overnight trip will be on December 9 - 10. We will need several chaperones for this overnight trip. If you are interested, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

## Typing Practice

Students can log on to Custom Typing from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Custom Typing program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

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## SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS

**Art** - [www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com) 5th grade artists are taking what we learned about two-dimensional lines and creating three-dimensional lines out of clay. Using clay coils, students are constructing 6"x6" clay tiles. They have to use a ruler to measure the tile correctly. They are free to design their own tile using spirals, zig zags, waves, curls or any other type of line, but there can be no negative, or empty space. We will be firing these next week and then glazing them.

**Music** - <http://makingmusicatholmes.blogspot.com/> Check out our website (the 5th grade tab) to see Ms. Manuel's class dancing to the Huayno dance of South America. **Recorder update:** students will be receiving letters this week if they do not have their recorders in class. We are starting preparations on songs from Africa for our **specials showcase on December 4th! Please save the date.** More details will be coming soon!

**Chorus** - Our performance is coming in just a few weeks! Auditions for solos for the Oak Park Arms concert will be this Monday, October 27th. Also, there are videos of the songs we will be doing at the concert on the chorus page at <http://makingmusicatholmes.blogspot.com/> . Just click on the chorus tab.

**Gold Belt**- Our performance at the Oak Park Arms is in a few weeks. Since Gold Belt Ensemble is performing with chorus on one song, I have asked the teachers if students can be released for just a few minutes on Wednesday morning, November 5th to practice with the chorus. If you have any questions regarding this please email me at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org).

**Spanish** - All classes have finished their first story of the school year. We will now move on to assessments and movies in the next couple weeks. <http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com/> .

**Library** - Did you know you can access the library catalog from any device? Students will be learning how to access the library catalog from their iPads over the next couple of weeks, and will complete a scavenger hunt with catalog related questions. Reading Olympians: we will meet this week to check in on your reading progress. Need to know which book you're reading? Check in with your designated "team captain" or with Ms. Maneck in the library. Please email [mmaneck@op97.org](mailto:mmaneck@op97.org) with any questions. For more information, the library home page is <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/> .

**Physical Education** - Coming for the entire month of November is HEARTLAND ADVENTURE. The kids go through a maze of obstacles as they explore the circulatory and respiratory systems ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com))

## Reading/Literature

This week, reading mini lessons will center around studying the characters in fiction texts. Students will learn that main characters always have connections to the other characters in a book. Students will apply this learning by creating a "Character Connections" chart in their Reader's Notebook. The

chart describes the important characters in the students' novels as well as the connections between the main character and the other characters. Other mini lesson topics will include growing theories about characters, expecting complications in characters, and attending to objects that reveal characters.

### **Writing**

We will continue to create lists of "seeds" for personal narrative stories and try out quick versions of these stories by writing notebook entries of these small, important moments. We will also review strategies for writing strong narratives by telling stories step-by-step using actions, descriptions, thoughts, and dialogue.

### **Math**

Today, we began our unit on volume. This week, we are focusing on two standards -- 5.MD.3 (recognize volume as an attribute of solid figures and understanding the concept of volume measurement) and 5.MD.4 (use unit cubes to measure volume). As we progress on to calculating volume, students will continue to use their multiplication skills. It is important that all students are fluent with their multiplication and division facts. Students can use online sites such as Moby Max and Khan Academy to continue to practice their skills.

All students have developed action plans to help them achieve their winter MAP goal. Please review your child's action plan with him/her, sign off on the plan and have your student return the signed action plan to his/her teacher.

### **Science**

In science this week, we will learn more about the Earth's water supply and will work on reading informational text and identifying text structure.

### **Social Studies**

We will begin our new unit focusing on how geography affected the way Native Americans lived. We will begin by reading pages 46-49 in our textbook about Peoples of the Northwest. The lesson will focus on RI.5.1, determining the main idea and supporting details of a passage. Students will complete a graphic organizer as they read the text. On Tuesday we will read about Peoples of the Southwest and work on standard RI.5.4, determining the meaning of content specific vocabulary.

### **Spelling/Word Study**

Students will not complete our Building Vocabulary with Root Words curriculum during their Reading/Literature block.

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